

Amendments to the Drawings

No amendments to the Drawings were made.

Remarks / Support Information

In the Specification:

Not applicable. No changes to the Specification were made.

In the Claims:

1. In accordance with MPEP, Section 2173.05(s), the reference to U.S. Patent 6,002,573 was removed from Claim 1. No changes were made to Claims 2-30.
2. The recitation of "a flow of air or nitrogen around each electrode" in Claim 1 was removed since it is not a structural element and is inconsistent with the statutory categories of 35 U.S.C. 101. It was corrected by a statement that the air assist assembly is the structural element which directs a flow of air or nitrogen around each electrode.
3. Punctuation changes were made throughout Claim 1 to develop the clarity and definiteness specified by 35 U.S.C. 112. Punctuation and indentation are used together.

In the Drawings:

Not applicable. No changes to the Drawings were made.

This amendment is made in behalf of the inventors under 1.34 (a).

Respectfully submitted.


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